

ARTICLE 1
ON PAGE 2ABALTIMORE SUN
28 August 1985**NICARAGUA****CIA helped rebel groups
divide aid, Indians say**

Three Nicaraguan Indian rebel leaders said yesterday that CIA officers had brokered two agreements this year on how rival U.S.-backed insurgent groups should divide privately raised military supplies.

The leaders, active in Misura, the main coalition of Indians fighting Nicaragua's government, said the CIA officers in Honduras brokered the two agreements struck with the larger Nicaraguan Democratic Force in February and again in June.

The CIA's reported role in the rebel deals came after Congress banned the agency from "supporting, directly or indirectly, military or paramilitary operations in Nicaragua." Congress passed the ban, known as the Boland amendment, last October.

While refusing to comment on the Indian leaders' assertions, CIA spokeswoman Patti Volz said the agency was "complying with congressional obligations and restrictions."

STAT